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In re Application of :
Kenneth C. Widen :
Application No. 10/701,760 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: November 4, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. M-15290 US :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 11, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement, mailed February 17, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of thirty days. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 23, 2006.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply, unless previously filed;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and
- (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an election, (2) the petition fee of \$750, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the Office action of February 17, 2006 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The rule at 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2877 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received June 11, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Hicks".

Frances Hicks
Petitions Examiner
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